

WHO ENTERED STATE JAIL?

SELECT DATA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 ADMISSIONS

AN ISSUE BRIEF FROM LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD STAFF

ID: 540

FEBRUARY 2013

OBJECTIVE

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice's (TDCJ) statutory mission is to provide public safety, promote positive change in offender behavior, reintegrate offenders into society, and assist victims of crime. TDCJ is organized into multiple divisions and organizational units. Five of the agency's divisions carry out its major responsibilities regarding offenders: the Community Justice Assistance Division, the Correctional Institutions Division, the Rehabilitation Programs Division, the Reentry and Integration Division, and the Parole Division.

KEY FACTS

- ◆ 81.1 percent of state jail offenders were sentenced to incarceration for one year or less.
- ◆ 36.9 percent of state jail offenders were admitted for a drug or alcohol related offense.

STATUTORY REFERENCES

Texas Government Code, Chapter 491

The data highlight offense and sentence characteristics of offenders admitted to state jail facilities during fiscal year 2012. State jails house offenders convicted of state jail felonies. The punishment range for these offenders can range from 180 days to two years. The data do not include characteristics of prison offenders, Substance Abuse Felony Punishment participants, or parole violators in Intermediate Sanction facilities. The data were extracted from individual-level records submitted by Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Executive Services and may differ from the TDCJ Statistical Report due to methodological differences.

SENTENCE LENGTH

FIG. 1
SENTENCE LENGTH OF THE STATE JAIL ADMISSION POPULATION, FISCAL YEAR 2012

SENTENCE LENGTH	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
6 Months and Less	8,211	35.4%
6 to 7 Months	1,715	7.4
7 to 8 Months	1,782	7.7
8 to 9 Months	2,180	9.4
9 to 10 Months	1,279	5.5
10 to 11 Months	232	1.0
11 to 12 Months	3,420	14.7
12 to 13 Months	150	0.6
13 to 14 Months	470	2.0
14 to 15 Months	919	4.0
15 to 16 Months	313	1.3
16 to 17 Months	82	0.4
17 to 18 Months	1,042	4.5
18 to 19 Months	49	0.2
19 to 20 Months	340	1.5
20 to 21 Months	36	0.2
21 to 22 Months	56	0.2
22 + Months	942	4.1
Total	23,226	100.0%

NOTE: Percentages presented in this report do not always add to 100% due to rounding.
SOURCE: Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

OFFENSE

FIG. 2
OFFENSE OF THE STATE JAIL ADMISSION POPULATION, FISCAL YEAR 2012

OFFENSE	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
Homicide	11	0.0%
Kidnapping	15	0.1
Sexual Assault	0	0.0
Sexual Assault Against a Child	0	0.0
Indecency with a Child	6	0.0
Violent Sexual Offenses	8	0.0
Robbery	0	0.0
Assault/Terroristic Threat	285	1.2
Arson	14	0.1
Burglary	1,837	7.9
Larceny	5,946	25.6
Stolen Vehicle	918	4.0
Forgery	1,303	5.6
Fraud	1,101	4.7
Stolen/Damaged Property	333	1.4
Drug – Possession	7,099	30.6
Drug – Delivery	951	4.1
Drug – Other	36	0.2
Commercialized/Other Sexual Offense	726	3.1
Sexual Offense Against a Child	0	0.0
Family Offense	264	1.1
Escape/Evading Arrest	1,311	5.6
Obstruction/Public Order	285	1.2
Failure to Register as a Sex Offender	169	0.7
Weapons Offense	103	0.4
DWI	460	2.0
Other	45	0.2
Total	23,226	100.0%

NOTE: Percentages presented in this report do not always add to 100% due to rounding.

SOURCE: Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

USEFUL REFERENCES

Texas Department of Criminal Justice – Statistical Report FY2012

http://www.tdcj.state.tx.us/documents/Statistical_Report_FY2012.pdf

CONTACT

Laurie Molina or Jamie Gardner Email: Issuebrief@lbb.state.tx.us